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LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN ZIMBABWE, LUSAKA SEPTEMBER 26, 1976

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED AT THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING
IN LUSAKA AT 1535 HRS LOCAL TIME:

ON THE 26TH AND 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1976 IN LUSAKA,
CAPITAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA, PRESIDENTS JULIUS K.
NYERERE OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, SIR SERETSE
KHAMA OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA, SAMORA MOISES MACHEL OF
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE, AGOSTINHO NETO OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA AND KENNETH D. KAUNDA OF THE
REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA MET TO REVIEW THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

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OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE

AGAINST BRITISH COLONIALISM AND THE RACIST AND ILLEGAL
MINORITY REGIME.

THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE, THE AFRICAN
AND INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
SANCTIONS AND CO-ORDINATED ACTION OF ALL ANTI-COLONIALIST
FORCES AND STATES HAVE TOGETHER BROUGHT THE ISOLATION AND

COLLAPSE OF
THE ILLEGAL RACIST MINORITY REGIME IN THE
BRITISH COLONY OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

THE PRESIDENTS HAILED AND CONGRATULATED THE PEOPLE
AND FIGHTERS OF ZIMBABWE WHOSE HARD AND HEROIC ARMED STRUGGLE
FORCED THE REBEL REGIME AND THE ENEMY IN GENERAL TO RECOGNISE

AND ACCEPT THE INEVITABILITY OF MAJORITY RULE; THE NEED
TO ESTABLISH IMMEDIATELY A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT TO

IMPLEMENT THIS PRINCIPLE. THUS THE VICTORIES ACHIEVED BY
THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE IN THEIR ARMED STRUGGLE CREATED THE
PRESENT FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS FOR THE CONVENING OF A

CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE.

THIS IS A VICTORY FOR ALL AFRICA AND MANKIND AND
PARTICULARLY FOR ALL THOSE COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES WHO MADE
SACRIFICES SO THAT THE BROTHERLY PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE CAN BE
FREE.

NOW THAT THE PRESSURES OF ARMED STRUGGLE HAVE FORCED
THE ENEMY TO ACCEPT MAJORITY RULE AS A CONDITION FOR IMMEDIATE
INDEPENDENCE, THE FIVE PRESIDENTS CALL UPON THE COLONIAL
AUTHORITY, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO CONVENE AT ONCE A
CONFERENCE OUTSIDE ZIMBABWE WITH THE AUTHENTIC AND LEGITIMATE
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE:

(A) TO DISCUSS THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE TRANSITIONAL
GOVERNMENT;

(B) TO ESTABLISH THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT;

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(C) TO DISCUSS THE MODALITIES FOR CONVENING A FULL CONSTITUTIONAL
CONFERENCE TO WORK OUT THE INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION;

(D) TO ESTABLISH THE BASIS UPON WHICH PEACE AND NORMALCY CAN
BE RESTORED IN THE TERRITORY.

TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS TWO PHASES ARE ENVISAGED.

THE FIRST PHASE WILL DEAL WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
AFRICAN MAJORITY TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. THE SECOND PHASE

WILL BE CONCERNED WITH WORKING OUT THE DETAILS THE
ZIMBABWE INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION.

THE PRESIDENTS HAVE CAREFULLY STUDIED THE PROPOSALS
AS OUTLINED BY THE ILLEGAL AND RACIST REGIME WHICH IF ACCEPTED
WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO LEGALISING THE COLONIALIST AND RACIST
STRUCTURES OF POWER. ANY DETAILS RELATING TO THE STRUCTURE
AND FUNCTIONS OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE LEFT
TO THE CONFERENCE.

THE FIVE PRESIDENTS REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO
THE CAUSE OF LIBERATION IN ZIMBABWE AND THE ARMED STRUGGLE.
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